

Application No. 09/884,904

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Before the field of the invention, kindly insert

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO OTHER APPLICATIONS

The present application is a divisional of US Patent Application 09/884,904, filed June 21, 2001.--

**In the claims:**

1-19 Withdrawn

Kindly amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) An anchoring system comprising:

an anchor comprising a shank with an expandable portion and a wedge arranged to wedge against said expandable portion; and

a biasing device adapted to exert an outwardly directed expanding force against said expandable portion; and

apparatus adapted to drill at least one hole, insert said anchor in said at least one hole, and selectively expand and contract said expandable portion of said anchor in said at least one hole.

21. (original) The anchoring system according to claim 20 wherein said biasing device is adapted to urge said wedge against said expandable portion when said wedge wedges against said expandable portion.